Today’s network services are complex:
• Heterogeneous network infrastructures
• Increasing numbers of value-added services and features
• Services are becoming mission critical

The cost and complexity of developing and integrating in-house network management may to too high for many NRENs and Institutions

Out-of-the-box solutions might not be suitable and might be costly

NMaaS aims to support these users to provide an effective, efficient network and service management platform
NMaaS simplifies intra-domain network management by providing the infrastructure and tools via a cloud-based, network management system.

It enables management and monitoring of client networks through on-demand deployment of network management tools in the cloud infrastructure.

Using a multi-tenant approach, each NREN or Institution has private access to their network and services from a highly available cloud based platform.
Who is NMaaS for?

Small and Emerging NRENs
- Smaller NRENs may have limited resources to develop their own NMS
- By using a shared and supported platform, NRENs can focus on the monitoring and management of their service components

Campuses
- NMaaS platform is ideally suited for Campus Network Management

Small Organisations
- NMaaS supports the needs of institutional users,
- Either on an NREN managed NMaaS platform or a centralised GÉANT platform

Distributed research projects
- By using a managed platform, projects can focus on their core research and development activities.
NMaaS – How it works

- NMaaS uses a secure shared cloud platform managed by the GÉANT Project
- Each user has an isolated tenant environment connected over a VPN to his network
- Users can deploy and access network management applications via a web portal
NMaaS Architecture

NMaaS components

- **NMaaS Platform**: Tool deployment process
- **NMaaS Portal**: Web-based user front-end
- **NMaaS Tools**: Packaged applications

Goals

- Easy to install and use
- Easily extendable with more tools
- Federated login

Both tools and NMaaS components are run in Kubernetes

Secure connectivity provided by OpenVPN
NMaaS tool deployment process
NMaaS Tools

Tools portfolio available via NMaaS application market place

NMaaS provides a range of modular tools to support network management needs

A web-based portal provides the user front end

Users can select the tools required for their purposes and create a customised toolset tailored for their network

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Oxidized - Oxidized is a simple open-source device configuration backup tool exposing a web-based GUI.

LibreNMS - LibreNMS is an auto-discovering PHP/MySQL/SNMP based network monitoring system which includes support for a wide range of network hardware and operating systems.

NAV - Network Administration Visualized (NAV) is an advanced software suite to monitor large computer networks. It automatically discovers network topology, monitors network load and outages, and can send alerts on network events by e-mail and SMS.
NMaaS Tools Portfolio (2)

Prometheus - Prometheus is an open-source systems monitoring and alerting toolkit.

Grafana - Grafana is an open source, feature rich metrics dashboard and graph editor for Graphite, Elasticsearch, OpenTSDB, Prometheus and InfluxDB.

Bastion - Ubuntu-based bastion server deployed in a customer domain has VPN access to all the monitored devices.
Statping - An easy to use Status Page for websites and applications.

Debian repository - Debian repository based on Reprepro is a tool for managing APT repositories.

SPA Inventory - A database for storing information about topology resources and service instances that offers TMF Open APIs for standardised access (developed within the GÉANT project).
InfluxDB - InfluxDB is an open-source time series database (TSDB) developed by InfluxData.

Jenkins - Jenkins is a self-contained, open source automation server which can be used to automate all sorts of tasks related to building, testing, and delivering or deploying software.

ELK Stack - "ELK" is the acronym for three open source projects: Elasticsearch, Logstash, and Kibana.
perfSONAR Central Management components

- **pSConfig Web Admin** - a web-based UI for perfSONAR administrators to define and publish MeshConfig/pSConfig meshes.
- **MaDDash** - a tool for collecting large amounts of inherently two-dimensional data and presenting it in visually useful ways.
- **Esmond** - a system for collecting, storing, visualizing and analysing large sets of timeseries data.

**WiFiMon** - a WiFi network monitoring and performance verification system
Is NMaaS reliable?

- Kubernetes cluster
  - Node redundancy: 3x master, 8x worker and 2 route reflectors
  - In case of a worker failure services are spawned on different worker (minimum downtime)
  - NMaaS tools data kept in external *persistent volumes*
- Data stored in a CEPH cluster
  - Components redundancy: 3x monitor, 2x metadata server, 12x OSD (over multiple physical servers)
  - Data replication
- Backup strategy in place
  - Scheduled VM backups
  - Additional file and directory backups
Is NMaaS secure?

- **Client-to-Site VPN** – secure user web-access to the UI of deployed NMaaS tools
- **Site-to-Site VPN** – secure data exchange between the devices being monitored and NMaaS tools running in the cloud
- **Routing and firewall** settings on a central PfSense Firewall VM

Set up based on domain name and IP addresses of monitored devices provided by the user
## NMaaS Key Benefits

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How can NMaaS be used?

Option 1  Organisation implementation

Each participating organisation offers a platform for their participating institutions.

GÉANT Project co-ordinates development and standards and provides 2nd level support for the software usage.

Option 2  GÉANT Project implementation

GÉANT Project offers a centralised platform for participating NRENs and/or their institutions ("white labelled").

GÉANT Project co-ordinates development and standards and provides the 1st and the 2nd level support for NMaaS use.
Main GÉANT web page: https://geant.org/NMaaS

NMaaS wiki: https://wiki.geant.org/display/NMAAS

NMaaS blog: https://wiki.geant.org/pages/viewrecentblogposts.action?key=NMAAS

NMaaS production instance: https://nmaas.eu

NMaaS sandbox instance: https://nmaas.geant.org

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